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Docket No.: 22727-68
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re DIV'L Application of Serial No. 09/417,945

Applicant(s): Randall I. Grimes

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

Filing Date: Filed Herewith

For: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR
PERCUTANEOUS MITRAL VALVE REPAIR

Group Art Unit: (Parent Appl.: 3731)

Examiner: (Parent Appl.: U. Ho)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fees, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Following the title, please add the following:

- - Related Applications

This application is a divisional of application serial number 09/417,945, filed on October 13, 1999, and titled "Devices and Methods for Percutaneous Mitral Valve Repair." - -

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 22-26.

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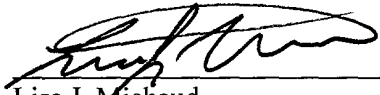
REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending. Applicant cancels claims 22-26.

In view of the amendments above, Applicant submits that claims 1-21, and 27-28 are in condition for allowance and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. Applicant suggests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned in the event that such communication might expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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